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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR MINORITIES UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any specific resource allocation in terms of physical and financial targets for minorities under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (SGSY) on the lines of such allocations made for the SCs and STs;

(b) if so, the details of such allocations made for the minorities during the last three years and thereafter; and

(c) the procedure adopted for allocation of such funds to individuals and families of the minorities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) The process of making specific resource allocations to the minorities under the SGSY commenced only from the year 2006-07. The paragraphs 3.28 and 4.30 of the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) guidelines were amended during 2006-07 to enable such earmarking for the Minorities.(Minority communities are those notified under section (2) of the National Commission for Minorities, 1992 Act.)

(b) & (c) The Ministry of Rural Development has set targets to the State Governments based on the ratio of BPL minorities indicated by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. A statement indicating physical targets fixed in respect of minorities for 2006-07 is at Annexure-I. The procedure for transferring funds under the SGSY to the states is through the DRDAs, and no separate fund transfer procedure is required for the Minorities. Once the targets are set and earmarked, funds are expended by the DRDAs in conformity with the earmarking.